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of Appendices and it would be more useful and helpful to the Members if the appendices containing the assurances are also printed and given to the Members at the time of the presentation of the Report. Therefore, some time may be taken for printing these assurances also. The Report also may be printed and given to the Members. Then formally I may present the Report.

The leave was granted.

VI.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS (ADDED TERRITORIES) EXTENSION OF LAWS BILL, 1962 (L.A. BILL NO. 16 OF 1962)

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Mr. Deputy Chairman, I move—

"That the Madras (Added Territories) Extension of Laws Bill,[a] 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 16 of 1962), as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration".

Consequent on the alteration of boundaries of the States of Madras and Andhra Pradesh under the Andhra Pradesh and Madras (Alteration of Boundaries) Act, 1959 (Central Act 56 of 1959), the territories specified in the Second Schedule to the said Act have been added on to this State from the State of Andhra Pradesh. As the territories added on to this State formed part of the composite State of Madras before the formation of the State of Andhra in 1953, almost all the laws that were in force in 1953 continue to apply to those territories as they apply to the rest of the State of Madras. However, some of these laws have been amended in their application to either the added territories or the rest of the State or both. The amendments so made apply only to the area in respect of which the concerned Act was amended and they do not apply to the other area. So also, the principal Acts that were enacted subsequent to the formation of the State of Andhra by the Legislatures of this State and those of Andhra or Andhra Pradesh, as the case may be, apply only to the respective areas. For the sake of securing uniformity in the laws that are in force in both the areas, it is proposed to integrate the said laws.

Certain important measures such as the Madras General Sales Tax Act, 1959 (Madras Act 1 of 1959), the Madras Sales of Motor Spirit Taxation Act, 1939 (Madras Act VI of 1939), the Madras Entertainments Tax Act, 1939 (Madras Act X of 1939), and the Madras Agricultural Income-tax Act, 1955 (Madras Act V of 1955), which relate to taxation and the Madras Panchayats Act, 1958 (Madras Act XXXV of 1958), and the Madras District Development Councils Act, 1958 (Madras Act XVIII of 1958), which relate to local administration have already been extended to the added territories and the corresponding laws in force therein repealed.

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Certain other measures have also been extended to those territories by the Madras (Added Territories) Extension of Laws (No. 2) Act, 1961 (Madras Act 39 of 1961), which Act had, besides extension, also secured uniformity in respect of certain other measures.

The present Bill seeks to extend a few enactments to those territories besides seeking to unify certain other enactments.

The remaining laws which require integration are under examination, in consultation wherever necessary with the Heads of Departments and also with particular reference to the local conditions, if any, prevailing in the added territories. As soon as the laws aforesaid are examined and finalised for unification, either separate legislation will be undertaken in respect of measures which may be considered urgent or they will be included in a Consolidated Bill similar to the present one.

The provisions of the Bill do not call for any special remarks since they are purely general in character. The respective scope of all the three Schedules to the Bill has already been set out in the Statement of Objects and Reasons appended to the Bill.

Sir, I request the House to accept the motion.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Motion moved—

"That the Madras (Added Territories) Extension of Laws Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 16 of 1962), as passed by the Asembly, be taken into consideration".

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : Sir, I welcome this Bill. I am thankful to the department for having looked into all the provisions carefully and introducing them in the various areas. There are a number of other enactments also which may have to be extended. The sooner it is done it will be better. Otherwise, it will be difficult to find out which amendments have been extended to these territories.

There is one other matter which I would like to mention. Let us take, for instance, the Compulsory Labour Act, 1920. Being a very old Act, a number of amendments have been made to it. It is difficult to find out all the amendments that have been made. It will be better if the amendments are also put in the margin. Another instance is the Village Courts Act. As these Acts are very old Acts, a number of amendments have been made and although we may be parties to the passing of the amendments we are unable to lay our hands on the particular amendment. Therefore, I would suggest that in future when a Bill is brought in for the application of certain amendments or Acts to the added territories, these amendments may also be added. That is the suggestion that I would make.

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* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Deputy Chairman, I am grateful to Sri K. Balasubramanya Ayyar for the very useful suggestion he has made. The department will take note of it and try to put in the margin the various amendments to the original Act that have been carried out, subsequent to the passing of that Act.

I may also feel a sense of relief that an expert like Sri K. Balasubramanya Ayyar has gone through all these various Acts in great detail and has stated that they have been properly amended. As you know, it is not possible for the Law Minister, even if he is himself a lawyer, to have the time to go through all the various provisions of the Acts which are sought to be integrated, and assistance like the one that Sri K. Balasubramanya Ayyar offers in matters of this kind is of immense value to the Government and also to the State. I thank him once again for the contribution he has made.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The question is— 3-40 p.m.

'That the Madras (Added Territories) Extension of Laws Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 16 of 1962), as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration'.

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clauses 2 to 13 were put and carried.

Schedules I to III were put and carried.

Clause 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I move—

'That the Madras (Added Territories) Extension of Laws Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 16 of 1962), as passed by the Assembly, be passed'.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The question is—

'That the Madras (Added Territories) Extension of Laws Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 16 of 1962), as passed by the Assembly, be passed'.

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

(2) THE MADRAS AGRICULTURAL INCOME-TAX (SECOND AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962 (L.A. BILL NO. 24 OF 1962).

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I move—

'That the Madras Agricultural Income-tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 24 of 1962), as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration'.

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